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FROTH AND FOAM

I stood upon the beach of a large lake just after a severe storm had spent its fury and passed on to other parts. The waves, which had been tossing angrily all night, were slowly and sullenly subsiding as though half-reluctant to resume their usual calm. A few scattered gulls were soaring aloft, uttering harsh cries and keeping a keen eye downward in search of prey. The sun was just rising and as it came slowly out of a heavy bank of clouds which still spread itself out over the eastern sky, it brought out into plain view the wreckage which had been tossed upon the beach by the waves, and kissed into dazzling whiteness the foam and froth which lay in quivering, undulating masses along the margin of the lake.

The foam was very beautiful as it balanced itself upon the sand stirred by the light breeze which was all that was left of the strong wind which had been raging so furiously. It swayed gently back and forth, rocked by the waves which were still lapping uneasily upon the beach.

I stooped and gathered some of it in my hand, but it vanished suddenly, leaving only a wet slimy residue which I stooped to wash off in the water at my feet. I turned away and walked up the length of the street of the little town nearby and turned in to a small hotel to secure some breakfast. A friend chanced to be inside and we fell to visiting. So interested did we become that we did not note the passing of the minutes into hours until the noon whistles startled me into a knowledge that dinner time has arrived.

Some little time after dinner, I strolled again in the direction of the beach thinking to admire once more the foamy masses along the margin of the lake. But to my astonishment, they had all disappeared and in their place was an irregular black line which extended for some distance up the beach and marked the extent of the riot of the waves the night before. Disappointed, I turned away, the circumstance setting up a train of thought in my mind.

The foam had been very beautiful. But, created by the storm it had outlived it by only a very short period. A few hours and the light glistening-white, foamy substance, (if substance it could be called) which had danced so lightly upon the edge of the lake and had piled itself into considerable masses in places, had utterly vanished and had left no recognizable trace of its existence. It had served no useful purpose, so far as I could see, except to please the eye for a brief space of time. True it had possessed beauty to a marked degree when the sun had shone upon it, but it had lacked all other desirable characteristics. It possessed no utility, endurance, and had rendered no service to the world.

And yet many of us are content to spend our time seeking merely the froth and foam of life. We desire excitement, pleasure, novelty, ease, we daily with our opportunities until like the foam they have vanished leaving only the slimy residue in our hands. And then we wonder why life grows stale and ugly and we grow sick of living.

For the really worth while things of life are not like the glistening foam upon the beach. They possess stability and all the other desirable qualities which the foam does not have. True, they may lack the lightness, the whiteness, the dazzling appearance of the foam when kissed by the sun, but, not created by the storms of excitement or emotional appeal, they endure long after the various storms of life have swept over us leaving us, perchance, at times somewhat spent upon the beach.

For it is the stable things which create and form character. Education, helpfulness, useful labor, congenial companionship, friendliness, religion, the doing with our might what our hands find to do, the choosing of the worth while things of life to the exclusion of those which are not worth while; all these things, saith the prophet, and many others which are similar, will make life very much worth the living and will endure long after the white foam upon the beach has been reduced to a wet black line.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day will soon be with us again and we shall celebrate with the usual amount of noise and display the signing of that great declaration upon which the liberty of our nation was based. And it is right and fitting that we, by this means, keep in mind the significance of that event, because it has meant so much in the history of our country.

But it will be equally as fitting this Independence Day that we give the term a personal significance that it has never had before. We have passed through a period of war which has upset the equilibrium of the universe. And the period following the war has been one of the most trying in the history of our country from a business standpoint. We have become so accustomed to unusual business activity and prevailing high prices for both goods and labor that we grew careless in regard to the quality of service which we rendered and extravagant with the money which we earned so easily. As a consequence of this the period of depression through which we are now passing has been trying, indeed, to both business men and laborers.

But time enough has elapsed now so that we may begin to get a line upon the real situation and to take account of stock. The years to come must perforce bring with them conditions differing radically from those of the past few years. We must therefore learn to adapt ourselves to the changing conditions and cheerfully face the future with confidence because we have not lost confidence in the great and glorious country which was made possible by the original Declaration of Independence.

Therefore upon this Independence Day let us declare ourselves anew as independent indeed from pessimism, from worry, from slipshod service, from graft, from a thousand and one other evils which have followed as the aftermath of war and work shoulder to shoulder with renewed confidence in the future, all of which lies before us as individuals and before our country, as one of the greatest nations in the world.

PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



The Volunteer Proof Reader, alias the Printshop Pest, Loafs 'Round the Office, Entertains the Printers, Pies Type and Soaks Up all the News in advance by Reading Proofs and the Copy on the Hook. He's as Welcome around this office as a Bolshevik at an American Legion convention and anybody who Gets Peeved at this Recognizes the Description.

THE CHURCHES

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Holy masses as follows: First and third Sundays of each month, at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m.

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Corner of W. Superior St. and Prospect Ave. Rev. W. L. Gelston, minister.

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Morning worship.
Theme: "The Soul of America."
6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.
This congregation will join in the union service in the M. E. church to be addressed by Rev. J. F. Williams. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

First Baptist Church
Opposite Masonic Home on State street. E. E. Shouffer, pastor, residence 124 W. Downie St.
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Rev. J. M. Gelston.
11:30 a. m.—Sunday school.
5:30 p. m.—Junior B. Y. P. U.
6:30 p. m.—Young People's service.
Union evening service at the Methodist church 7:30.
Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30.
You are invited to worship with us.

United Brethren Church
119 Hastings Street
Morning sermon 10 a. m.
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Christian Endeavor—6:30.
Pray for the coming revival meeting. Mrs. M. A. Durham of Leavenworth, Kas., is the evangelist. Remember the date, July 7 to 17.
Sunday school—10:30 a. m.
Christian Endeavor—7:30 p. m.
Preaching service—8:15.
C. H. Hull, pastor.

St. John's Episcopal
Tenth Sunday After Trinity
9 a. m.—Holy Communion and Litany.
Be present if you can at this service. We are to begin at nine o'clock.

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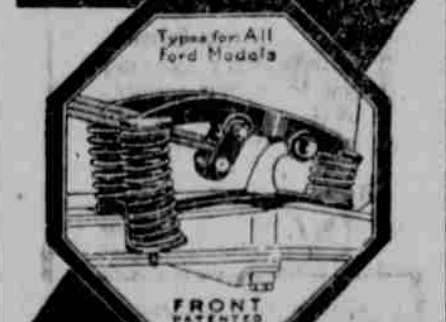
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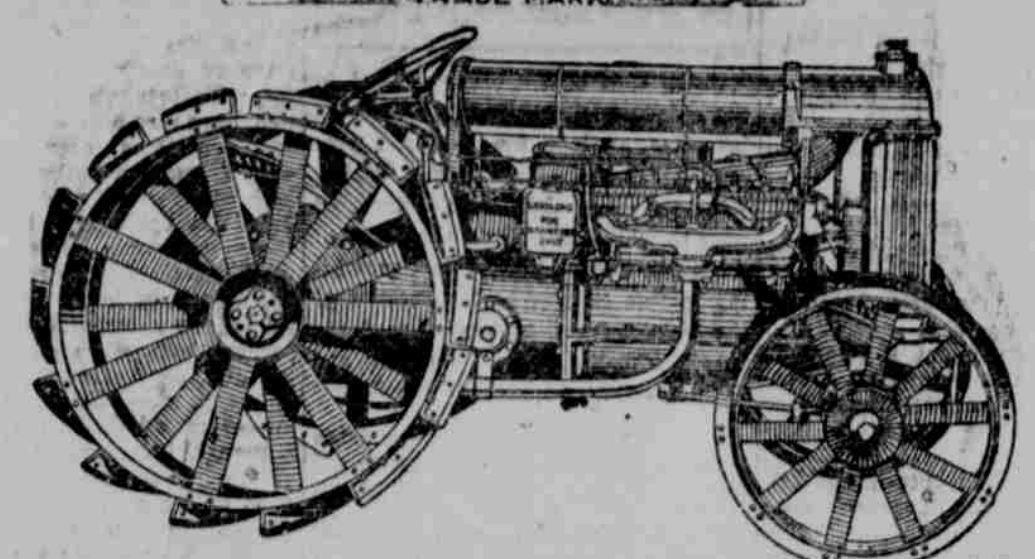


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